INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.

(Nos. 129 to 132.)

SUBJECT No. 129.

Reduction in the rates per unit of electric power.

Messrs. B. K. Garudachar, B. Usmankhan, Bangalore City Municipal Council, and B. Chinnasami Chetty, Commercial Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—The rates per unit will have to be reduced if the consumption of electric power is to be brought within the reach of many for domestic and industrial purposes.

Reply of Government.—The rates have been recently reduced. Any further representations on the reduced rates will receive due consideration.

SUBJECT No. 130.

Sugarcane plant.

Mr. H. Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 131.

Itinerant Kannada lecturers.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipal Council.

Summary of discussion.—A number of itinerant Kannada lecturers on civics and industrial and economic science may be appointed and their remuneration fixed at so much per lecture instead of monthly salaries, the lectures to be written and approved in the first instance by a committee to be appointed for the purpose.

Reply of Government.—This is on the programme of the Education Committee of the Economic Conference.

SUBJECT No. 132.

Conversation in Hindustani and Tamil.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—In all commercial schools, conversation in Hindustani and Tamil may be taught.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

EDUCATION.

(Nos. 133 to 159.)

SUBJECT No. 133.

A University for Mysore.

(*a*) Messrs. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipal Council, and Gundappa, Mysore District Board.

(*b*) Mr. V. Raghavachar, Pavagada taluk

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The Mysore University may be brought into existence at an early date.

(*b*) It is prayed that a University may be established in the State to encourage the study of Sanskrit, Kannada and English. Even private candidates may be allowed to appear for Degrees in the Kannada Examination.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 134.

Compulsory education.

Mr. H. K. Veerabasaviah, Lingayet Education Fund Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—Education may be made compulsory in all district and taluk headquarters.

Mr. V. Raghavachar.—Introduction of compulsory education throughout the State is very costly. The existing schools should be improved and made efficient and

education made compulsory only in such schools. We must not wait for the necessary funds to become available to introduce compulsion throughout the State. As sources of revenue for the additional expenditure may be mentioned the surplus funds of Muzrai institutions and the levy of the Income Tax. Local taxation is not possible.

Mr. Anniah Pandit.—Teachers should be trained and their number increased. Their prospects should be improved. Recognition should be shewn to public men who help to advance education.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 135.

Compulsory technical and primary education.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipal Council, and Chandrasekariah, Nanjangud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Technical education combined with a knowledge of the three R's may be made compulsory throughout the State.

Reply of Government.—This is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 136.

Extension of primary education.

Mr. Nadig Bhistappa, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A village elementary school may be established in every village containing a population of 300 and upwards. The condition now imposed on the villagers to supply a building for the school may be abolished.

Reply of Government.—This is engaging the attention of Government.

SUBJECT No. 137.

Establishment of additional colleges or increasing the existing college staff.

Messrs. Girmaji Rao, Chikka Ramanna, Kolar taluk, and C. B. Gopala Rao, Kolar municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The School Final Board have declared many students as eligible for collegiate study. Colleges outside the Mysore State do not recognise the Board's certificate, and the colleges within the State have no seats for all of them. Two more colleges may be established or the Principals may be directed to admit all students, provision being made for increasing the staff, if necessary.

Mr. C. Krishnamurthi.—Two capable boys who had obtained the School Final Certificate this year had to go away to Mangalore and Vizagapatam for want of seats in our Colleges.

Reply of Government.—The circumstances this year were exceptional, and are not likely to recur.

SUBJECT No. 138.

Raising the status of Shimoga high school to that of a college.

(1) Messrs. Boregowda, Yedatore taluk, and M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipal Council.

(1) *Summary of discussion.*—The introduction of the School Final Scheme has done much good to the country and the people are grateful for it. But there are not sufficient seats in the two colleges of the State to enable the successful candidates to continue their course for the Intermediate. This is a hardship and progress is hindered